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SUBJECT; AMERICAN APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION TO ITALIAN
MEDICAL SCHOOLS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL REPORTS CONCERNING
DIFFICULTIES REPORTEDLY ENCOUNTERED BY AMERICAN
APPLICANTS FOR ITALIAN MEDICAL SCHOOLS PARTICULARLY
BOLOGNA. REPORTEDLY AMERICANS WHO APPLIED FOR, AND WERE
ACCEPTED AT BOLOGNA AND NOW STUDYING ITALIAN IN ROME
HAVE BEEN TOLD THEIR ADMISSION TO BOLOGNA IS NOW VERY
DOUBTFUL. REPORTEDLY GOI CONCERNED OVER NUMBER OF
AMERICANS AT BOLOGNA MEDICAL SCHOOL AND NOW WORKING ON
PLAN TO DISTRIBUTE STUDENTS THROUGHOUT ITALIAN MEDICAL
SCHOOL SYSTEM. STUDENTS REPORTEDLY WILL ONLY BE
ADMITTED TO SCHOOL SELECTED BY GOI. ONE PARENT REPORTS,
SON TOLD IF STUDENTS MAKE ANY FUSS THEIR "PAPERS" WILL
BE LOST, EFFECTIVELY STOPPING ADMISSION TO ANY ITALIAN
SCHOOL.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS QUERIED ITALIAN EMBASSY CONCERNING
SITUATION; HOWEVER, NO REPLY RECEIVED. EMBASSY
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REQUESTED ASCERTAIN FACTS THIS SITUATION AND INFORM
DEPARTMENT.

3. QUESTION QUALITY MEDICAL EDUCATION AVAILABLE SUCH
SCHOOLS AS BARI, PADUA, ETC. COMPARED WITH BOLOGNA
HAS BEEN RAISED. EMBASSY COMMENT RE THIS QUESTION AND
ITS OPINION DIFFICULTIES GRADUATES SUCH SCHOOLS MAY
HAVE ON RETURN US WOULD BE APPRECIATED. RUSH

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